

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently amended): A retractor comprising:

a shaft;

an inflatable bladder which is ~~eccentric~~ or eccentrically mounted on the shaft; and

a cannula having a passage which receives the shaft to deploy the bladder at a target site in tissue.

Claim 12 (Previously presented): A retractor as in claim 11, wherein the inflatable bladder is shaped so that it expands into an eccentric shape when inflated by fluid pressure introduced through the shaft.

Claim 13 (Previously presented): A retractor as in claim 12, wherein the inflatable bladder does not stretch when fully inflated.

Claim 14 (Previously presented): A retractor as in claim 11, wherein the inflatable bladder operates at inflation pressure from 10 mmHg to 1000 mmHg.

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Claim 15 (Previously presented): A retractor as in claim 14, wherein the inflatable bladder operates at inflation pressure from 100 mmHg to 1000 mmHg.

Claim 16 (Previously presented): A retractor as in claim 11, wherein the shaft is rigid.

Claim 17 (Previously presented): A retractor as in claim 11, wherein the shaft is flexible.

Claim 18 (Currently amended): A retractor comprising:

a shaft;

an inflatable bladder which is ~~eeccentric~~ or eccentrically mounted on the shaft; and

a plurality of inflatable bladders positioned on the shaft.

Claim 19 (Previously presented): A retractor as in claim 18, wherein the plurality of inflatable bladders are separately inflatable.